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Technology Update

WORDPERFECT CORPORATION INTRODUCES WORDPERFECT 6.0 FOR DOS

Worldwide announcement marks the beginning of a
new standard in information processing

OREM, Utah March 24, 1993 WordPerfect Corporation officially introduced WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS today, the first upgrade in more than three years to the company's best-selling DOS word processor. The new version, scheduled to be released later this spring, was unveiled during press conferences in Germany, Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Version 6.0 is the successor to WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS. Version 5.1 has consistently been a best seller for the company since its introduction in 1989. That trend continued in 1992, as WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS outsold all other software applications.

"Like version 5.1, WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS will set a new standard in information processing," said Alan Ashton, president of WordPerfect Corporation. "The hundreds of new and enhanced features in WordPerfect 6.0 allow people to accomplish tasks never before possible with a word processor," said Ashton.

Spreadsheet functionality, for example, is now built into WordPerfect. Computing functions and cell formatting features are now a part of Tables and allow users to accomplish most spreadsheet functions without having to use a separate spreadsheet package.

WordPerfect 6.0 users will also be able to fax directly from within WordPerfect. Version 6.0 supports FaxBIOS technology and will ship with the necessary drivers for Class 1, Class 2, or CAS-compliant fax devices.

"WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS is a product that goes beyond word processing by providing solutions to a variety of day-to-day tasks," said Todd Ashman, product marketing director for WordPerfect for DOS. "The new fax, sound, e-mail and spreadsheet capabilities found in this upgrade help make WordPerfect the application from which all personal computing originates."

Version 6.0 is also the first DOS word processor from WordPerfect Corporation to be fully developed using the new WordPerfect Usability Center.

"Usability testing helped us to develop a new version of WordPerfect which is not only more powerful, but easier to use than competing word processors," said Jim Millecam, director of WordPerfect development.

"The new WordPerfect Coach feature, for example, takes WordPerfect ease-of-use to a new level and is unavailable in any other word processing application," said Millecam.

The Coach feature allows users to access their own personal tutor for selected functions. The Coach will then guide the user by giving step-by-step instructions regarding how to execute the specific function.

Hundreds of other user enhancement requests have been added to the product. A few of the most powerful new additions include:

WYSIWYG Editing
Users can choose among three different interface modes while editing. The Text Mode is similar to the only mode currently available in version 5.1. Working in Graphics Mode allows users to see a graphical representation of fonts, graphics, colors etc. The Page Mode offers the same functionality as the Graphics Mode, but also shows headers, footers, footnotes, page numbers etc. All three modes are fully editable, mouse compatible and can be accessed at any time in the program.

Scalable Fonts
WordPerfect 6.0 supports four types of scalable fonts: Type 1, Intellifont, TrueType and Bitstream Speedo. WPFI, a utility that ships with the product, will install additional scalable fonts if the user desires. WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS will also ship with a number of customized scalable WordPerfect fonts. The scalable font technology in WordPerfect 6.0 makes true DOS-Windows-OS/2 font compatibility a reality.

Selectable Merge
Users can select the fields of the data records they would like included in a merge and then set the criteria by which those records are selected (all of the Jones who live in New York City, for example.)

QuickFinder
First available in WordPerfect 5.2 for Windows, QuickFinder is an innovative way to search local or network directories quickly and effectively. Indexes created with QuickFinder allow users to quickly search for documents based on user-defined criteria.

Other new and enhanced features include color printing, drag-and-drop graphics, irregular text wrap around graphic images, Grammatik 5, the ability to work with up to nine documents at a time, Undo, enhanced envelope creation and more powerful macro capabilities.

"The new graphical interface is a powerful enhancement to the product," said Bill Kesselring, an analyst at DataQuest in San Jose, California. "The overall combination of new and enhanced features in version 6.0 make WordPerfect the easiest DOS word processor to learn and use."

WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS will have a retail price of $495 for a full package. Full package upgrades, for existing WordPerfect customers, will have a retail price of $129. A competitive trade-up package will also be available for $149 to customers who own a competing word processing package.

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F A C T S H E E T
WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS

INTRODUCTION

WordPerfect for the personal computer was first introduced in 1979. On the DOS platform, WordPerfect is clearly the best-selling word processing application with an 84% marketshare. WordPerfect 6.0 is the first upgrade to WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS, which was introduced in 1989. WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS was developed to provide users with the most powerful information processing tool on the market. WordPerfect 6.0 offers users much more than just basic word processing functionality. The new fax, sound, e-mail and spreadsheet capabilities found in this upgrade help make WordPerfect the application from which all personal computing originates.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS requires:

Minimum Configuration

* Intel 286 processor
* DOS 3.0 or higher
* 450Kb of free conventional memory
* Hard disk with 7Mb minimum
* Monochrome, EGA, VGA or higher resolution monitor
* Greater performance available from disk cache, expanded or extended memory

Optimal Configuration

* Intel 386 or higher processor
* DOS 5.0 or higher
* 520Kb of free conventional memory
* Hard disk with 15Mb
* VGA or higher resolution graphics adapter and monitor
* Greater performance available from disk cache, expanded or extended memory

WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS also supports

* Mouse
* Various fax devices
* Various sound cards
* More than 900 output devices (printers, plotters, etc.)
* More than 20 sound devices (MIDI and digital audio)

FEATURES LIST

WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS contains hundreds of new and enhanced features. The following is a brief list of several of the most powerful new features available in WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS:

* Spreadsheet capabilities
 Spreadsheet functionality is now built right into WordPerfect 6.0. Computing functions and cell formatting features are now a part of Tables and allow users to accomplish most spreadsheet functions without having to buy a separate spreadsheet package.

* WYSIWYG Editing
 Users can choose among three different interface modes while editing. The Text Mode is similar to the only mode currently available in version 5.1. Working in Graphics Mode allows users to see a graphical representation of fonts, graphics, colors, etc. The Page Mode offers the same functionality as the graphics mode, but also shows headers, footers, footnotes, page numbers, etc. All three modes are fully editable, mouse compatible and can be accessed at any time in the program. Button Bars, dialog boxes, radio buttons, scroll bars, check boxes and pull-down menus are available in all three interface modes.

* Scalable Fonts
 WordPerfect 6.0 supports four types of scalable fonts: Type 1, Intellifont, TrueType and Bitstream Speedo. WPFI, a utility that ships with the product, will install additional scalable fonts if the user desires. WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS will also ship with a number of customized scalable WordPerfect fonts. The scalable font technology in WordPerfect 6.0 makes true DOS-Windows-OS/2 font compatibility a reality.

* Coaches
 The Coaches feature takes WordPerfect ease-of-use to a new level. For selected features, users can access a Coach and receive step-by-step instructions regarding how to execute the specific function.

* QuickFinder
 First available in WordPerfect 5.2 for Windows, QuickFinder is an innovative way to search directories or networks quickly and effectively. Users can index files or directories and then choose to quickly search for documents based on user-defined criteria. For example, a user might want to find all files with a mention of the name "Jones." QuickFinder will then quickly search entire directories or networks for the files in a matter of seconds.

* Selectable Merge
 The new merge functionality in WordPerfect allows users to define how they want to look at a data file when merging. Users select the numbers of the data records they would like included and can set the criteria by which those records are selected (all of the Jones who live in New York City, for example.)

* Grammar Checker
 Users now have the ability to perform grammar checking functions from within WordPerfect 6.0 using Grammatik 5, now a WordPerfect product.

* Graphics
 The Graphics capabilities in WordPerfect 6.0 have been greatly enhanced. Graphics can now be looked at directly in WordPerfect. Graphic images can be moved and sized using the mouse. Text will now wrap around irregularly shaped images, and will automatically reformat when an image is resized or moved.

* Nine Documents/Windowing
 Users can now work with up to nine documents at a time as opposed to two.

Up to nine documents can be tiled or cascaded on the screen to allow users to view, size, cut and paste, and more easily edit multiple files.

* Fax Capabilities
WordPerfect 6.0 allows users to fax directly from within WordPerfect. WordPerfect supports FaxBIOS technology and will ship with the necessary drivers for Class 1, Class 2, or CAS-compliant fax devices. The quality of WordPerfect 6.0 fax documents is much better than the quality of traditional fax documents because the fonts and graphics are preserved in the fax transfer and are printed at the resolution of the receiving hardware.

WORDPERFECT 6.0 FOR DOS PRICING

Description	US Price
Full Package	$ 495
Additional License with documentation (no disks)	$ 349
Additional License w/o documentation (no disks)	$ 295
20 Pack Additional License without documentation (no disks)	$ 5,495

WordPerfect 6.0 for DOS Special Offers

Free Window Upgrade	TBA
Full Package Upgrade	$ 129
Additional License Upgrade (no disks, available to customers who purchased initial upgrade at $129.00)	$ 89
Competitive Trade-Up (available for a limited time to customers who own a competitive word processing package.	$ 149

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